

# Church Life

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## Music In Chicago Churches.

The First Baptist Church, at Thirty-first street and South Park avenue, is one of the old landmarks in Chicago church history, and it is certainly a magnificent structure, with as fine an auditorium as may be found anywhere, and an organ of immense size and evidently built with the greatest care and with an equipment of effects which places it in the front rank of organs interesting to hear.

The seating of the congregation and the placing of organ and quartet are all that could be desired and result in giving charming effect to the music.

One cannot go into any (Protestant) church in Chicago many Sundays in succession without hearing one of the Havens bijou anthems, and this is as grateful a fact as needs be, for they are such charming compositions—so musical and so simply beautiful—that they appeal to the ear of the thoroughly educated musician as well as to that of the amateur. I have heard, too, time out of mind, of C. A. Havens (as organist) and of his excellent services at the First Baptist, so that it was with considerable curiosity that I attended (for the first time) services in that church last Sunday evening. Be it said at once that all anticipations were fully verified, and that the programme was one which afforded rare pleasure. Mr. Havens simply revels in the fine instrument at his command and fills in every little gap in the service with a wealth of extempore intermezzi, which are the finest examples of that kind of work one can find anywhere. His accompanying is that of a master, and his solo work on the whole exceptional. However, his Voluntary on Sunday night fell a little short of his own

standard. It was Bastite's "Offertorium" (Op. 41).

Not to appear too critical of the singers, let me state at once that the quartet is a very good one, and that they did in their anthems some fine work. Miss Hazel Moore is the soprano, Mrs. Dorothy Groves Wood the alto, Frank W. Ambler, tenor, and Dr. William Carver Williams, bass. One remembers Mr. Ambler some years at the Church of the Redeemer, on Warren avenue, where he was a prime favorite, and his very pleasing voice and careful attention to all the niceties of shading are still very much in evidence.

Without prejudice to the other singers, however, one must say that the exceptional voice and the most finished style is that belonging to Dr. Williams. Not for a year have I heard so magnificent a voice in any church, and it was a pleasure to have at least one anthem with special opportunities for his voice, though it would have been delightful to have heard him in a solo also.

The quartet numbers included first a "Jubilate," by Buek, introducing a most pleasing tenor solo and a duet for soprano and alto, which was sung with taste and finish. The second number was Schnecker's "With Contrite Heart," and this proved the gem of the evening, largely through the fact that Dr. Williams had a great deal of obligato work to do which he accomplished with a tonal opulence almost overwhelming. His tone is so rich, his attack so firm and his poise so abundant that taken together they make his work nothing short of superb. The duet passage in this, "Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done," which was sung by the alto and bass, was

again his possession of discernment and a delightful bit of work, and showed Mrs. Wood to have a voice quite equal to the task of ensemble with Mr. Williams.

After the sermon came one of Havens' very own, "We Are Sailing O'er the Ocean to the Homeland Far Away," which I think is a new one, and at any rate is a sample of C. A. H. at his best. The principal work is for the tenor, and in it Mr. Ambler found opportunity to show his voice to good advantage, and to prove

discretion. The number was given en amore by the quartette and was listened to with rapt attention of the audience.

Immediately following this the ordinance of baptism was administered, and even in titful pianissimo passages, and afterwards, this Mr. Havens assisted with some beautiful pianissimo passages, and afterwards, when the congregation was passing out of the church, he played a delicate bit of extempore on his own haunting melody which had just been sung by the quartet.—(From the Chicago Musical Leader.)



## A Few Suggestions About Books.

By The Pastor.

I want to draw your attention to a few new books. From the press of the Fleming H. Revel Company, the chief publishers of helpful evangelical literature, there have recently come a full sheaf of new and inspiring volumes. Two of these belong to the "International Pulpit" series, "The Loom of Providence," by Rev. Robert MacKenzie, and "The Modern Crisis in Religion," by our own late beloved Dr. Lorimer. The sermons by Dr. MacKenzie are thoroughly practical, and interweave themselves at every point with the issues of everyday life, while those of Dr. Lorimer are philosophical, while considering ethical and present-day themes. The books are alike in the fact that they call attention to the deep-lying and life-moving principles of the Christian faith. Dr. MacKenzie combines a rare imaginative gift with genuine spiritual fervor. It is a fine combination. His words win their way, arousing conviction in the mind of the reader as they must have done in that of the hearer, when the sermons were delivered. Dr. Lorimer's addresses form a connected whole, and deal with such questions as "The Religion of the City," "Christ and the Country Church," "The Church and the Workshop." The book forms an admirable supplement to his more scholarly and elaborate "Christianity in the Nineteenth Century." Each volume of the International Pulpit is well-bound, well-printed, and costs but one dollar net—a small sum for so admirable a collection of suggestive discourses as every book in

the series has thus far proved itself to be.

Not less interesting to the general reader is Rev. R. J. Campbell's "The Choice of the Highest," which consists of a number of City Temple Talks to young men. These have the charm of style, the clear insight, and the resolute vigor, which have become familiar to the reader of Mr. Campbell's published works. Though more poetical and less lightened by touches of humor, his sermons remind one forcibly of those of Henry Ward Beecher; and his pulpit today occupies much the same relation to the people of England as Plymouth Pulpit once held to the people of America. The prophetic character, too, is felt in the personality and work of the younger as of the elder preacher.

That Mr. Beecher was a prophet with a message, and that his influence continues, is indicated by another recent publication of the Revell Company, "A Treasury of Illustration," (\$3.50 net), which embodies more than 2,500 of the most telling metaphors, incidents and illustrations culled from the published and unpublished words of Mr. Beecher, and classified according to topics. There are many "cyclopaedias" of anecdotes and illustrations, but it is doubtful if there are any which surpass this. It is a rich mine of illuminative material which many a preacher will deny himself other things in order to possess. These are living words, from the greatest of American pulpit orators.

Much less marked by originality, yet no less by earnestness, is a volume of ser-



mons by Rev. Samuel Chadwick, entitled, "Humanity and God," (\$1.50 net.) We miss here the intimate connection with the life and outlook of the age which is so conspicuous in all the other volumes we have noticed. The author has an analytic mind and undoubted spiritual discernment, but his words fail to "grip" the reader. His insistence is on the doctrinal rather than the personal and practical.

Even more analytical, though with suggestive practical lessons at the close of each chapter, is a character-study of "The Apostle Peter," (\$1.25 net) by W. H. Griffith Thomas, B. D. Here, however, we have no attempt at sermonizing, but a series of outline sketches, with abundant Scripture references, treating of the apostle's life and ministry, his relation with other New Testament characters, and his epistles. This book might with profit be made the basis of a series of sermons or Bible-class studies. The view-point of the author is not that of the critic and scholar, but of the faithful working-pastor, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of faithful discipleship to Jesus Christ.

Utterly different from Mr. Campbell's volume of lectures to young men, to which we have called attention, is Rev. R. A. Torrey's "Talks to Men," (75 cents net). The reports we have been reading lately of the success of Mr. Torrey's revival labors in London and elsewhere, and the fact that these very addresses, "about the Bible and the Christ of the Bible," were delivered in the presence of 2,500 men in the city of Melbourne, impart a peculiar interest to their perusal. There could hardly be a plainer or more direct presentation of the doctrinal positions of the orthodox Christian faith. The homely, honest, outspoken manliness of the evangelist shines out through every page. There is no attempt at novelty, either of statement or of thought, save that the illustrations are chiefly drawn from personal experience and so are new to the reader. But the lack of novelty is more than atoned for by the downright sincerity and vigorous marshalling of fact and argument to the defence of the Gospel of Christ.

Our Baptist people will be interested in examining "The Students Chronological New Testament" (\$1.00 net), which appears under the editorship of Prof. A. T. Robertson of our Seminary at Louisville. He uses the text of the American Standard Revision, and arranges the

books in their probable chronological order beginning with the Gospel according to Mark. Without attempting any critical discussion, Prof. Robertson annotates the text simply in foot-notes, and prefaces each book with a concise historical introduction. The result is a volume of handy size, compact, with the chapters arranged in paragraphs, with a convenient outline in the form of a running head-line, and with full cross-references. It is just such a New Testament as every Bible student should have near at hand for constant use.

There are few more prolific writers amongst busy pastors than Rev. F. B. Meyer. His most recent work, "The Directory of the Devout Life" (\$.100 net), consists of meditations on the Sermon on the Mount. The title can hardly be said to have been happily chosen. The term "directory" calls up lists of names and addresses, tabulations, classifications, just those things which the teachings of Jesus were not. The book itself is a popular commentary on the Great Sermon. It is, along with this, an outline of the ethical teaching and significance of the Gospel. It is sweet, tender, gracious, as are all Dr. Meyer's writings. But they are for women rather than men. The mystical element is hardly as noticeable as in some of the author's "booklets," for he is considering definitely practical themes, but the rugged, virile conquering element is lacking.

In closing this article it may not be amiss to call attention to a work of fiction which is thoroughly wholesome as well as fascinating. It is "Doctor Luke of the Labrador," (\$1.50 net), by Norman Duncan, a Canadian by birth, but now a professor in Washington and Jefferson College. It presents throughout its pages that masterly blending of pathetic tenderness with sinewy strength which is apparent more and more in the writings of the novelists of noblest minds. There are many interesting people in the book, notably the Doctor and Skipper Tommy. The manner of narrating the story being told by one Davy Roth, the son of the trader at Traders' Cove. It gives a naturalness that is captivating from the start.

"The Prospector" by Ralph Conner, is perhaps the finest piece of work that that popular author has yet written, and that is saying much. This author also is a Canadian, and his books are as wholesome and invigorating as the pure Canadian air.

## The Pastor's Message.

It is a matter of gratitude and joy that two members of our church have recently definitely pledged their lives to missionary service. Miss Etta Pacius will enter the Baptist Missionary Training School next September, and the members of our Woman's Mission Circle have agreed to give her their hearty sympathy and co-operation in the decision she has taken. This means both moral support and financial aid. We already have a very definite as well as a general connection with missionary and evangelistic enterprises. Rev. C. H. D. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher, of Tokio, Japan, are members of our church, as is Dr. Catherine L. Mabie of Banza Manteke, Africa. The late Miss Duffield, long a faithful missionary abroad, was a member with us, both honored and beloved. We rejoice in the great decision which Miss Pacius has made. She was baptized a year or so ago, and from the first has been actively interested in our Sunday School, in our Christian Endeavor Society, and in the work at Raymond Chapel. She has won the high regard and affection of all who know her.

At the recent meeting of the Examining Committee of the American Baptist Missionary Union, one of the candidates was Dr. Walter Rittenhouse, whose career thus far we have all watched with interest. Dr. Rittenhouse united with our church some years ago. He graduated last year at the Northwestern Medical School, and has been since that time an interne at one of the Detroit hospitals. He has fine ability, and with it all a profound consecration to the service of Jesus Christ. He will go out as a medical missionary. He intimated to the committee his willingness to labor anywhere in heathen lands that they saw fit to send him, and will very probably go to China. The year intervening before his departure he will spend chiefly in theological study.

How signally God has blessed us, how he has honored our church, in thus calling to an office and ministry so exalted two of our friends and fellow-members! I have wondered if there are not others, amongst the many young people in our midst, who might be led by the example thus afforded, to think seriously concerning their own enlistment in this highest

and most self-sacrificing work ever committed to mortal hands.

At the beginning of the present year the fuller adoption of the weekly offering system was urged. The result was gratifying. The number of subscribers and the amount subscribed increased over the previous year to an encouraging extent. It is needful, however, that we should be prompt and business-like in following the plan involved in this system of weekly giving. That plan is suggested by the name. The regular rendering of the dues we have pledged is essential to the success of the entire scheme. There are a few persons who made their pledge, took their envelopes, but have failed entirely to live up to their agreement. They will probably pay their dues for six months about the end of June, placing the whole amount in an envelope and so cancelling their obligation. But it would be easier for them, more acceptable to the treasurer, and better in every way, for all to adopt the full idea of the system, and contribute their weekly offering as a weekly offering.

Also, it behooves those who thoroughly believe in this system to advocate it and urge it as they have opportunity. Its value has been elsewhere so abundantly proven that we may have every confidence in its ultimate success in our church, if those who know its merits take pains to promote its wider adoption.

A "Pastor's Box" has been securely nailed to one of the doors of the prayer meeting room. It is intended for the convenience of any who may wish to communicate with the pastor on any subject, anonymously or otherwise. Sometimes you think "If only the pastor would preach on such-and-such a subject." Well, indicate that fact, and enclose the subject, to him. It may be he will comply with your desire; perhaps he won't; perhaps he couldn't if he tried. But he will if he can and thinks he ought. Suggest questions to be considered in prayer meeting, questions which may be troubling you, questions you know are troubling others. Suggest new plans of service or new methods of work. Note the names of sick or needy people, and drop the card containing the memorandum into the box.



We might make this question-box a clearing-house for ideas in a small way.

How finely our Sunday School is advancing and growing. What good news it is that the Raymond Chapel is rising on its

foundations. What grand work the District committees have done. How quietly and happily and prosperously everything is moving forward. Your Pastor,  
Austen Kennedy de Blois.



## The Church at Work

### Sunday School.

April 9, we had the pleasure of a visit from three little Chinese girls, from the Chinese Mission. The scholars were much interested in them, and all enjoyed their singing.

Class No. 7, Miss M. C. Covert, teacher, had the best attendance record for March, and took the banner from Mrs. L. H. Smith's class.

All were glad to welcome Mrs. Jackman after a brief visit south.

The fact that she secured an excellent substitute for her class, before she left, was much appreciated. If all the teachers would be as thoughtful, it would save the Supt. much time and anxiety. We are much obliged to Mrs. Cochran for her faithfulness during Mrs. Jackman's absence, and hope she will become a permanent co-worker.

The total attendance for each Sunday, during April, averaged over 500. This should steadily increase, and will, if every member of the school will attend, and do all they can to bring in new scholars.

The collection is increasing some, but is far from being as large as it should. It is hoped no one will forget their weekly contribution, for we need all the money we can get.

#### Primary Department.

Easter Day dawned bright and beautiful and anyone stepping into the Primary Department would agree that the sight within equaled in beauty and inspiration the one without. A beautiful, simple program of recitations and songs delighted the three hundred and sixty scholars, officers and visitors present. An arch draped with flowers and bearing the words "Christ Is Risen" with a large white cross in the background made a charming picture, around which the little ones brought their

voluntary offerings of potted plants to be sent to the "shut-ins" after the service. Mingled with the sweet voices of the children's songs, were the warbles of canaries, extended from the chandeliers, who kept up a continual chorus during all the services.

Our sympathies are with Miss Donald, whose beloved father entered into rest the day before Easter. May His presence abide with her during this trying time.

As yet no teacher has been secured for that most important class, "The Boys Graduating." Mr. Merrifield did splendidly and we are hoping for another equally able and consecrated to take his place. A more interesting and jolly lot of boys could not be found.

Miss Tolmar has returned to her home, from the hospital, and the school and her class, to both of which she has been so loyal and helpful for years, are now looking forward to her return as co-worker and teacher.

Members of the "Fisher Mission Band" wanting an ownership in the new building of "The Baptist Missionary Training School," voted a donation of ten dollars for said purpose. They also voted that ten dollars be given to Miss Pickett for the Chinese Mission work.

#### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

##### Elizabeth M. Pickett.

During the month of March some things happened that should be reported in the columns of "Church Life." Our Society entertained the South Division Christian Endeavor Union on March 23. The Rally was one of the best, in attendance and interest. Out-door Evangelistic work was the special theme treated by its most enthusiastic and effective advocates. Dr.



Shaw of Second Presbyterian Church impressed upon us the necessity of personal work, and close communion with Christ as the source of the love and enthusiasm for work. Some practical methods were discussed, and the Union is looking forward to more and better work this Summer than ever before.

Our own Society made a remarkable record of attendance at this Rally, having the largest percentage of membership present, thus winning the beautiful banner that you may see hanging upon the wall of the Lecture Room.

The next South Division Rally is announced for June 8th, at the Second Presbyterian Church. Dr. Morrison, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church will give the address. It is also the annual election of officers, and a reception will be held at the close. Let us attend in large numbers.

Believing that preparation is an essential of a good prayer meeting, the Prayer Meeting Committee have distributed the International Society booklet of Daily Readings upon the Topics, among the members of the Society. It is hoped that they will prove helpful to the members in their study, and to the quality of the meetings as a natural result.

After the close of the meeting, Friday evening, April 7th, a pleasant social hour was spent in learning some new hymns, and playing some of the old time, never tire-some games.

The missionary meeting in March was unique in having the assistance of some of the Chinese children from Central Chinese Mission, who gave several songs, both in Chinese and English. The talk of the evening was about this Mission and its excellent work.

We were disappointed at the April meeting in not hearing Mrs. Davis of the Student Volunteer Movement, but hope she will be with us next month.

At the special Easter service April 23rd, Miss Florence Huskey read the story of the Resurrection day, bringing clearly before our minds the wonderful events of that day. Miss Maribel Tucker sang for us a beautiful Easter solo, that was greatly appreciated. The lesson of the evening was "The Power of the Resurrection," from Romans, 6:3-13.

Additions to our membership during March and April:

Mrs. J. S. McCullough.

Mrs. T. L. Ketman.

Mrs. C. Huneke.  
Mr. Graham.

The Social Committee have announced what will delight us all. An Art Social, on Thursday evening, May 25th, admission ten cents. A good time and good company, as well as other good things are assured. Every one is invited and will be welcome. This is for the benefit of a delegate who will be sent to the C. E. Convention at Baltimore, Md.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF THE WEST.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West was held in Minneapolis, April 18-20, with the Calvary Church. Dr. A. T. Fowler, pastor. The reports brought by the secretaries of the society and the state workers, ten states being represented, were most inspiring. The interest of the meeting culminated in the presentation of six young women who have been accepted by the society, and expect to sail in the fall for work on the foreign field. All of these new missionaries are students in the Training school and will be with our Circle at its June meeting, when we hope the women of our church, especially the young women, will become interested in them.

The Society of the West in view of the increased needs, voted to raise \$60,000 for its work this year.

Can our Circle afford to lessen its apportionment, or shall we make a united effort to enlist the sympathy of every woman in our church in world wide missions?

### LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. Morava, Dept. Editor.

That seed time and harvest never cease is especially true of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Appeals for sympathy and practical help follow in rapid succession. These come from the sorrowing, the "shut-ins," people struggling with poverty or illness, and from the charitable organizations. Some of these requests are so very modest they seem almost trivial, but all receive attention.

It is with great pleasure that we have paid \$1,240.25 of the \$1,294.50 pledged to



the Raymond Chapel Building Fund. The assurance of the balance in the near future is satisfactory. A vacancy on the Table Committee has been filled by Mrs Norton.

The beautiful Easter time gave an inspiration to the meeting held on April 21st. After singing, I gave my life for thee, Mrs. Jackman made the story of the crucifixion very impressive, helping us to see the rays of divine light-piercing the shadow of the grave.

We were very glad to have Mrs. Knight with us again and to know that improved health and returning strength justify her in entertaining the ladies at a tea on the afternoon of Wednesday the 10th.

The last meeting of the season will be held on May 19th. We hope to carry the memory of a large meeting through the Summer, devoted largely to rest and recreation.

### WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

**Mrs. S. B. Lingle.**

The subject for study at the April meeting of the Woman's Mission Circle, was the Indians of North America. Miss Van Fleet told us of the customs and beliefs of the Red man and of his condition before this country was invaded by the European.

The work among the blanket-Indians during the last fifteen years, and the sketches of the life of Miss Ceeside and Miss Isabel Crawford, as given by Mrs. Bilton and Mrs. Morava made a most interesting program. Mrs. Tomlinson read a poem entitled, Holding on to the White Man's Land.

The spring days with their many duties tend to decrease our members, only forty being in attendance at this meeting.

The last meeting of the season will be held on the second Friday in June, and will be one of special interest, at that time the study of Japan will be begun. It is earnestly desired to make this year equal in all lines of achievement to the record of the past.

### AMORET HENSON GUILD.

**Blanche Harvey, Dept. Ed.**

About forty young ladies gathered around the tables spread in the church parlor on the fourth Monday night of April, to eat, drink and be merry together. Prof. and

Mrs. Butler and Pastor and Mrs. deBlois were guests of the evening and helped to spread the merriment and demolish the viands. And after the supper the young ladies gathered themselves in a comfortable circle and listened to Dr. Butler's lecture, which was both delightful and instructive. His theme was "Oliver Wendell Holmes," and after the speaker's masterful handling of his theme, the forty young ladies who listened were certainly much better informed about the great writer and his writings than before. Many were heard to express a desire for "more of the same" at future meetings of the Guild. Our thanks are certainly due to Dr. Butler for the pleasure which he gave us.

The members of the Guild Bible Class are following Moses through the wilderness and watching with interest the transformation of the Israelites from a nation of timid slaves into a strong, courageous people.

New faces are seen in the class every Sunday and new members are added to the roll each week. The system for class contributions has been adopted on trial and the collections are increasing each week. The earnest effort of the class should next be directed toward regularity of attendance. The work done by the young women during the past months has been excellent.

### THE YOUNG LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

**May E. Fralick, Dept. Editor.**

On Wednesday afternoon, April the nineteenth, the Young Ladies' Missionary Society met at the home of Miss Florence Raymond. As usual the girls sewed for the Baptist Hospital and read from our missionary book.

It has been decided that we will prepare supplies for the hospitals in China.

The next meeting will be held on May, the tenth, at the home of the Misses Googins, 3247 South Park Ave.

### THE BOYS' CLUB.

The indoor meetings of the Boys' Club will close in two weeks and the boys will meet Saturday afternoon on the ground south of the church, which has been fitted out as an athletic field with a running track etc. Mr. Messner will direct the boys in their outdoor work.

## Church Life

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Tolman to our congregation.

Mrs. Stambouski has gone to make her home in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Twiss' mother, has gone to Belvidere for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have gone to their summer home at Highland Park.

Mrs. Williams, of 4728 Evans Ave., has moved with her family to Plymouth, Ind.

Our pastor has recently been elected a director of the Chicago Baptist Social Union.

Miss Irene Harris has gone to her home for the summer, but will return again in the fall.

Mrs. Sied Ding has been seriously ill at Wesley Hospital but is now much better, we are glad to learn.

It has been a pleasure recently to welcome to our services Mrs. Lowe, whose husband was a Baptist minister.

Mrs. R. R. Donnelly and daughter, Miss Naomi, sailed recently direct for Naples. They will spend several months in foreign travel.

The son of Mrs. Linden is recovering from a serious operation. Mrs. Linden has just recovered from a severe case of quinsy.

Mr. Harold Riedel has gone to Des Moines, Iowa, for a vacation of three or four months. We shall miss him in our church and Endeavor work.

The many friends of Bro. Chase are delighted to have him with us again after his severe illness, and all wish for him continued improvement in health and strength.

After six months' absence from our services, through severe illness, Deacon Goodman was in his accustomed place in church again last Sunday. It was a great pleasure to every one to have him with us again.

Mrs. R. F. Bennett's daughter, Mrs. Milhuff, has been very seriously ill for several weeks. We are glad to know that she is better and that Mrs. Bennett is able to resume her place at church and Sunday School.

Mrs. Ulrich has recently been quite ill. Her daughter is one of our active workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheney, of South Haven, Mich., who have been staying in the city for the past month have been welcome and regular attendants at our services. We shall miss them when they return home.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lawton, Baptists from Georgia, to our membership. Mrs. Lawton's grandfather was for a long time president of Mercer University and both Mr. and Mrs. Lawton are connected by marriage with other of our great Baptist leaders of the south.

The flowers distributed to the poor and sick, Easter Sunday were much appreciated by the recipients. It is a beautiful custom, and we should do it oftener than once a year. In the name of the Master let us carry cheer and comfort to the poor and needy as frequently as possible.

We regret to learn that Mr. T. H. Sullivan has been overtaken by illness, necessitating the removal of the family from the city. It is hoped that much out-of-door life may restore his health. Our thoughts and prayers follow him during this period of recuperation. Mrs. Sullivan and her son George have been members of our church for several years.

Dr. de Blois has recently been elected a member of the Examining Committee of the American Baptist Missionary Union. Of this committee of seven, three are members of our church, Deacon Goodman, Dr. Henderson, and Dr. de Blois. Our pastor has also been recently elected a director of the Chicago Baptist Hospital, a director of the Sunday League of America, and a director of the Chicago Tract Society.

The name of Ballington Booth has been familiar to the world formerly in connection with the Salvation Army, and afterwards with the Volunteers of America, of which latter organization he was the founder. Most of us, however, had never had the opportunity of hearing him speak until his appearance in our pulpit one week ago last Sunday morning. His address was characterized by great fervor and eloquence and all hearts were touched. At the close of the service the audience contributed one hundred dollars to the work of the Volunteers.



**LORIMER CLASS.**

The baseball practice has begun. On a recent Saturday afternoon about fifty candidates for the team appeared at Washington Park to tryout. The prospects are good for a Championship team this year. The first match game will be played on Decoration Day.

Our class attendance has increased with the coming of the baseball season. We have also added several new members to our list during the past month.

The class is glad to be able to announce that its President, Mr. Henry Chase, is with us again.

**RAYMOND CHAPEL NOTES.**

We are sorry to know that Mrs. Freleigh has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant are to be congratulated upon the arrival of a new girl.

We are glad to know Mrs. Isabel Mathie has recovered from the effects of her fall a few weeks ago.

Miss Carrie Mair left for a trip to Europe during the week. We trust she may have an enjoyable visit.

We are more than grateful to Mrs. Stubbs for the gift of a square piano which we will need in the new chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brandt with their young son Roy have left Chicago to reside permanently at Trevor, Wis. We shall miss them from our meetings.

A very small but vigorous boy named Robert John Mathie arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mathie some two weeks ago.

Sunday evening, April 10th, Deacon Ahrens addressed us. He was given close attention as he spoke of the precious work committed to us and urged a fuller consecration on the part of each one.

Our former pastor, Mr. Palmquist, is affectionately remembered by all who knew him and we were much grieved to learn of the departure of his wife. By unanimous vote a letter of sympathy was decided upon.

By a most distressing accident Mr. Harry and Charles Monroe, sons of Mrs. Monroe of our congregation lost their lives by asphyxiation. The wife and child of the former were also killed. Mr. Embree conducted the funeral services at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

The trustees having voted to authorize

the Raymond Chapel Building Committee to proceed with the building as far as the funds in hand will allow the construction has at last been begun, and is proceeding rapidly. It is hoped we shall be able to occupy the lower floor by the end of June, and we could have the whole building very soon after that date were there enough money in the Building Fund to complete the work. According to estimates there will be needed about \$2,000.00 more than now pledged. Our friends will hardly need to be reminded that to stop work before the building is complete will be embarrassing. We trust that all who can will help now.

**The Girls Guild.**

On May 3rd the young ladies were the guests of Miss Lingle and Miss Lackner at an excellent recital given in Mandel Hall at the University of Chicago.

At the next meeting on the third Wednesday in May, at the home of Miss Lela Minnich, 3006 Loomis St., each girl will make a shirt waist, under the direction of the superintendent.

**The Reeder Class.**

The committee on constitution met at the home of Mr. Embree and outlined a short constitution which has been adopted.

Mr. Crosier expects to secure a number of successful men to address the class in the near future on subjects relating to the choice of a life work.

**The Women's Work.**

A very enjoyable social was held at the home of Mrs. Freleigh, 3018 Bonfield Ave. on a recent Friday evening. The house was crowded to overflowing. Refreshments and a very excellent program were enjoyed by all and a goodly sum added to the treasury of the Woman's Society. The next social is to be held at Mrs. Minnich's two weeks from this Friday.

**Christian Endeavor Notes.**

Our Society was favored on April 30th with Missionary talks by Miss Polacious and Miss Grenade from Central America and Cuba respectively. The latter told about her conversion and of the work in Cuba and both young ladies sang for us.

Announcement of a Military Social will be made a little later in the month, to which all are cordially invited. Preparations are being made to entertain a large crowd and we hope that many will be present. An interesting program is assured and light refreshments will be served.



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### OUR CHURCH.

It is an honor and privilege to belong to the historic and honored "Old First Church." What other church in our denomination in Chicago can compare with it? Why should we not rejoice in its dignity and power? We have the precedence of age. But we have more than traditions to glory in. Our membership represents a great body of substantial Christian people. Though numbering more than 1,000, we have not the "padded" membership-rolls which conceal so much in the case of many churches. Though in the midst of a changing environment we lose amazingly few of our members, scarcely any at all, by dismission to other churches in the city, though letters are always promptly granted when asked for. We have no weight of debt, not a dollar of debt on

our building or deficit in our expense account. We have a noble body of trustees and deacons who work in beautiful harmony with our pastor. Our organizations are all strongly manned, and they are all efficient and vigorous.

To take a single instance out of many. At a recent meeting of the Woman's Mission Union of Chicago two facts were much commented upon. The First Church had been assigned a larger apportionment than any other church in the city, namely, \$950. But more than this our church was the only one which had raised its full apportionment. This was still more remarkable. But in the midst of our humble thanksgiving at these tokens of strength let us ever pray for deeper consecration, and more and more of the blessing of God's Holy Spirit. He is indeed favoring us. Let us honor him by an unreserved and whole-hearted devotion.

### THE NEW CHAPEL FUND.

Through the assistance of Mr. Piercey the Mission Committee are able this month to give the following complete statement of the Raymond Chapel Building Fund.

	Promised	Paid
Men's League.....	\$2500	\$1027.00
Women's Benevolent Soc...	1200	1275.25
Christian Endeavor Soc....	1000	659.21
Amoret Henson Guild.....	100	61.00
Lorimer Class .....	100	34.90
Individual Subscriptions..		1904.50
Sunday School .....		357.26
Fisher Mission Band.....		125.00

### Subscriptions from the Mission.

Individuals .....	\$898.55
Mission C. E. Society.....	59.05
Mission Sunday School .....	39.20

Total .....	5792.92
Rec'd from equity in old property	1560.00

	7352.92
	2200.00

Paid on lots .....	5152.92
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Balance available for building.



## CHURCH LIFE.

### WAYS OF HELPING.

Subscribe for Church Life.

Use the question-box.

Find something to encourage.

Give as the Lord has prospered you.

Use the weekly envelope which Mr. Twiss will give you.

Tell the pastor of those whom you know are sick or who especially need him.

Be regularly present at the mid-week worship and add something to the service.

### THE DEAF HEAR!

It was a great kindness on the part of our pastor to secure the new telephonic device by which his mother and others afflicted with deafness can hear the sermon.

Letters from all over the United States have poured in asking about this most practical appliance. Such widespread interest reveals the fact that a large number of people are afflicted more or less with deafness.

Brother Nicoll Halsey was present last Sunday and could hear every word distinctly that was spoken from the pulpit. "That is the first sermon I have heard distinctly for ten years," said Mr. Halsey; "and the first prayer over the offering since I can remember."

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### SPECIAL SERMONS.

Dr. de Blois began last Sunday morning a series of sermons on "The relation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyday Virtues and Vices." They will continue until the commencement of the pastor's summer vacation, the first of July. The themes in the course are as follows:

1. "The Stingy Man and his Generous Neighbor." May 7.
2. "Worry; The Sin that Spoils Nobility." May 14.
3. "The Helpful or the Critical Habit." May 21.

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4. "The Slothful Servant and the Willing Worker." May 28.

5. "Envy and Jealousy; Twin Sisters in the Family of Vices." June 4.

6. "Dame Gossip; The Mother of Mischiefs." June 18.

7. "Sensitiveness; The Vice of Pious Weaklings." June 25.

The series of Sunday evening sermons, just concluded, extended over twelve weeks, and were attended by exceptionally large congregations, from beginning to end.

### REPORT OF OUR CHURCH VISITOR.

#### Memorandum of Work, February.

Calls received.....	5
Calls made S. S. 52	
Gen. 96	
Conf. 3	151
Letters written.....	35
Postals written.....	20
Services attended Rel. 19.....	
So. 4.....	23
Com. Mtgs attended.....	4
Teachers' Mtgs.....	5
Bible class sessions taught.....	8
Garments disbursed.....	38

#### March.

Calls received.....	12
Calls made S. S. 56.....	161
Ch. 96.....	
Conf. 9.....	
Letters written.....	52
Postals written.....	53
Services attended.....	34
Committee meetings.....	4
Teachers' meetings.....	5
Bible class sessions taught.....	8
Garments disbursed.....	40

#### April.

Calls received.....	8
Calls made.....	127
Letters written.....	60
Postals written.....	32
Invitations mailed.....	75
Services attended.....	31
Committee meetings.....	8
Bible class sessions taught.....	8
Garments disbursed.....	3

# The Journal of the Church

H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk

- April 1 Boys' Club.  
 April 2 Sunday. Sermon by the Pastor.  
 Morning subject, "The Welsh Revival."  
 Evening, "A Royal Household."  
 April 4 Tuesday. Men's League "At Home."  
 April 5 Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Topic, "Early Missions in the West."  
 April 6 Thursday. Illustrated lecture by the Pastor on "Spain, the Land of Song."  
 April 7 Friday. Ladies Benevolent Society. Meeting of the district committee. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting. Topic, "What does Christ's Life show us about the Father?" John 14: 6-24. Leader, Miss Mabel Shaine.  
 April 8 Saturday. Boys' Club. Address by Dr. de Blasi on "The Boy Who Wins."  
 April 9 Sunday. Morning. Address by W. H. Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. Evening, the Pastor preached upon the theme, "A Wise Prejudice."  
 April 10 Monday. Guild Sewing Class.  
 April 11 Tuesday. Prayer meeting at Raymond.  
 April 12 Wednesday. Church prayer and social service.  
 April 14 Friday. The Woman's Mission Circle. Christian Endeavor Meeting. Topic, "Glorifying God in our Restoration." 1 Cor. 10:31; Ps. 16:5-11. Leader, Miss Huskey.  
 April 15 Saturday. Boys' Club.  
 April 16 Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor. Morning theme, "The Divine Kindness." Evening, "A Fearless Reformer."  
 April 18 Tuesday. Executive committee meeting of C. E.  
 April 19 Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Topic, "Lessons from the prophet Amos."  
 Young Ladies Mission Circle.  
 April 20 Friday. Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic, "The Power of His Resurrection." Rom. 6:3-13. Phil. 3:10. Ladies Benevolent Society.  
 April 22 Saturday. Boys' Club.

- April 23 Easter Sunday. Special services in Sunday School. Sermon by the Pastor. Morning theme, "Honour thy Father." Evening, "A Mighty Prophet."  
 April 24 Monday. Amoret Henman Guild supper. Address by Dr. Butler.  
 April 25 Tuesday. Men's League meeting. Illustrated lecture by Dr. C. L. Mix on "The Great White Plague."  
 April 26 Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Assistant Pastor Embree led the meeting. Topic, "Easter Lesson."  
 April 28 Friday. Christian Endeavor meeting. Missionary meeting.  
 April 29 Saturday. Boys' Club.  
 April 30 Sunday. Sermon in morning by Commander Ballington Booth. Evening sermon by the Pastor. Theme "The Sufficiency of Christ."

## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

### Additions.

#### By Baptism.

- Mrs. Thos. H. Young, 3413 Indiana Ave.  
 Minnie Don Sang, Maywood.  
 Delmar E. Clark, 3519 Indiana Ave.  
 Millard L. Groom, 3111 Lake Park Ave.  
 Lester W. Groom, 3111 Lake Park Ave.  
 Elva Mason, 3144 Parnell Ave.

#### By Letter.

- Bertram Welsh, 248 Dearborn Ave.  
 Mrs. S. D. Bucklin, 2952 Groveland Ave.  
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 J. R. Messner, 609-152 La Salle St.  
 Mr. C. B. Lawton, 3404 Indiana Ave.  
 Mrs. C. B. Lawton, 3404 Indiana Ave.  
 Mrs. Ida Weinland, 2959 Groveland Ave.  
 Miss Katherine Weinland, 2959 Groveland Ave.  
 Alfred Vernon.  
 Rev. W. G. Cooper, Edgerton, Wis.  
 Miss Keyes.

#### By Experience.

- Henry Gregory, 3305 Calumet Ave.  
 Mrs. Geo. L. Stevenson, 4300 Ellis Ave.

### Diminutions.

#### By Letter.

- Miss Evelyn B. Shulte.